

Woman's Club of
Arcadia

1955-1956

Clara Slattery Pres.

Arcadia, California.
July 30, 1955.

Board of Directors,
The Woman's Club of Arcadia,
Mrs. Daniel J. Slattery, President:

Dear Mesdames:

We, the undersigned members of the Woman's Club of Arcadia, hereby petition the Board of Directors, and the members of the Club to grant a ~~Life~~ Honorary Membership to Mrs. G.B. Watson (Ethel) of Palm Springs, California, in recognition of her more than 30 years of active devoted service and sustained interest in the club.

Through the years, she has given unstintingly of her time, her talents, and financial contribution to the progress and growth of the club.

By her untiring efforts, the finances were increased to help clear the grand piano and the Club House and grounds from indebtedness.

Being an accomplished musician, she gave liberally in this field also, not only arranging programs, but participating in them.

She served as Chairman on many committees and on the Board of Directors, and during the war years ably assisted the Club in its war effort.

We, the signers anticipate your sincere consideration of this petition.

Respectfully submitted

Edna M. Parker

Mrs. Bess A. Sanborn

Mrs. Mary J. Sumwalt

Jessie C. Stewart

Emma D. Meade

Alice M. Cline

Edna M. Ayers

Florence Lola Trew

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1955-1956
WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARCADIA, 324 So. First Avenue

I think that June 1st 1955 was one of the nicest days I have ever had. I was proud and happy to be installed as your President and it has been a wonderful year and each one of you has helped to make it so.

We started with a busy summer and our big fashion show at the Chandler Estate. It was a lot of work but a huge success for our Ways and Means.

Chairman and Federation Secretaries were appointed and approved by the Board and Departments were well organized. Board meetings were held every month and were sometimes lengthy but fun and interesting with many problems to solve. It was decided to serve one luncheon a month ourselves and have one catered and it has proved profitable as well as friendly. Our Philanthropy budget was set up and we have been able to give a scholarship to an Arcadia High School graduate for \$500.00. It was given to John Raymond who was picked from nine applicants. We also contributed to all other major drives such as Cancer, Heart, Campership. Veterans, Etc. Our Building on our parking lot has been rented most of the year at a satisfactory rental.

Your President attended all Presidents Councils and Dist. Councils and was honored at the District Convention as a 100% President. I also attended County, District and State Conventions which were very helpful and inspiring. Your President attended conferences pertaining to reorganization of our new Verdugo District and will be interesting to see how this works out with 29 clubs in the district with approximately 4000 members.

Our Departments were all active and each one sponsored a program and were honored on that day. Most Departments had a Ways and Means project and took part in the Flower Show put on by the Garden Dept't. which was a big success. Departments also had charge of decorations on various occasions. Federation reports were given by Safety, Narcotics, Mental Health and Youth Conservation. We observed Civic Day and honored City and Public Officials. At Christmas time we honored Arcadia Ministers and their wives.

We have enjoyed our Juniors so much this year and their Program for the Seniors was outstanding. We are grateful to them for their donation of \$100.00 to our Building Fund. Your President attended most of their meeting and it was interesting to see how much they accomplish. Their President Mrs. Bert Schaar attended most of our meetings and we cooperated with them on several of their projects.

Your president was able to attend all Dept'. Meetings five or six times during the year and they were all thoroughly enjoyable.

At Christmas time members brought gifts for Paul and his family and they appreciated them very much.

I was privileged to attend approximately nine or ten Reciprocity and Federation Day luncheons and teas and they were very interesting. Some clubs had very original programs and plays. In March we had our Federation and Reciprocity Day with about twenty District officers and Club Presidents as our guests. Our Music Dep't. gave the program on that day and our guests were very impressed with so much talent within our club. So much so that the chorus was asked to sing at the Installation Luncheon and a flute solo by Mrs. Bridgeman and a solo by Sally Manly at the District Convention at the Biltmore Hotel in April. At that time we received an Award for Second place in Total Scholarship Contributions.

In April we had as our honored Guests Past Presidents of the Club and it was indeed a pleasure to give them this recognition.

In May I was privileged to attend the State C.F.W.C. Convention in Berkeley which was a rewarding experience with fine speakers and programs. At that time your President was ~~****~~ proud and happy to receive a State Award for our International Affairs Dep't. The installation of the new State officers and the twenty four new District officers was indeed impressive.

Our Departments contributed to our Philanthropy projects and the Evening Department again gave sweater, skirts and toys to their half orphan project. They also gave us a new table for the solarium and another one was presented to us by the Garden Department.

We added about 28 new members to our roster and are so happy to have them in our membership. *Made numerous calls on members who were ill*
We found it necessary to do some work on our grounds after First Ave. was widened and we put in curbing and new sprinkling systems along the sidewalk. Also refinished the Auditorium floor and tiled the solarium floor. Then to give the solarium an entirely new look we had the room painted and put up new drapes. It is now a very pleasant and cheerful room for Department meetings. A new picture was presented by the History and Landmarks Dep't. of the Choir Loft of the San Gabriel Mission, painted by John ~~Scull~~ Scull and this has been hung in the solarium. The Drams and International Affairs Dep't. also contributed towards the furnishings.

The music Department paid the final \$100.00 on the piano in the foyer. The Literature Department conducted a contest again and prizes were awarded for prose and poetry.

Members with 100% attendance were honored in May, there being about twelve. Lucy Wyss has a perfect attendance record of ~~seven~~ ^{eight} years.

Your President has tried to touch upon the highlights of the year, if any have been over-

looked, please forgive me, as each of you have contributed something.

And now the time has come for me to say "Farewell". It has been a great joy to serve you and I shall be forever grateful for the many acts of kindness and words of love and encouragement. I also wish to say that my husband and ten year old son Dennis have been most cooperative. My affectionate good wishes to each of you and keep in mind you are part of an organization of eleven million women and always remember "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

\$\$ Clara A Slattery
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